

B. BURNHAM LETTERS

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SUMMARY

Size.	2 items.
Geographic location.	Louisiana.
Date.	Jan. 4-May 23, 1863.
Languages.	English
Summary.	Letters written by B. Burnham, a Union soldier, to his family from Camp Parapet and Fort Butte-a-la-Rose (also called Camp or Fort Burton), Louisiana.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

B. Burnham was a Union soldier in a regiment which was stationed at Camp Parapet, near New Orleans, and Fort Butte-a-la-Rose (also called Fort or Camp Burton), Louisiana. His regiment was brought to Louisiana by transport ship.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The letters from B. Burnham to his family describe the physical conditions in his regiment's camps. The letters mention a Negro regiment stationed near Camp Parapet and report that it was better drilled than any other regiment at the camp. Described in detail are guerilla attacks on transport boats moving along the bayous, the dense forests and wildlife on the waterways, the army tents and measures taken to keep them clean, rations, and cooking in the camps. The letters speculate that Burnham's regiment might be moved to Port Hudson.

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INDEX TERMS

Burnham, B.

Fort Butte-a-la-Rose (La.)

Camp Parapet (La.)

Louisiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

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